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AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF DISCUSSION AND EXCHANGES OF DRAFT WORDING WITH US OFFICIALS HERE, CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS TRANSMITTED MARCH 22 NOTE ON GOC INTENTION TO CLOSE THREE PINE TREE STATIONS (ARMSTRONG, FOYMOUNT AND RAMORE). WE HAVE ACCEPTED CANADIAN NOTE AND RESPONDED WITH US NOTE OF SAME DATE EFFECTING EXCHANGE. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ESSENTIAL PORTION OF CANADIAN NOTE (COPIES OF EXCHANGE ARE BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY FOR MR. NEF):

QUOTE - I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA SET OUT IN THE EXCHANGES OF NOTES OF AUGUST 1, 1951 AND AUGUST 16, 1971 REGARDING THE COST AND OPERATION OF THE CONTINENTAL RADAR DEFENCE SYSTEM WITHIN CANADA. I ALSO HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO A MEETING IN OTTAWA ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1973 DURING WHICH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS WERE INFORMED OF CANADIAN POLICY DECISIONS RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF CANADA'S DEFENCE PROGRAM AND
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OF SEVERAL CONSEQUENT ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PROGRAM. ONE OF

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THE ADJUSTMENTS INVOLVES THE CLOSING OF CERTAIN RADAR STATIONS OF THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTINENTAL RADAR DEFENCE SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE PINETREE LINE.

ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA-GRAPH TWO OF THE CANADIAN NOTE OF AUGUST 1, 1951 I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT CONCUR IN THE STATIONS LOCATED AT ARMSTRONG, FOYMOUNT AND RAMORE, ALL IN ONTARIO, BEING CLOSED DOWN OPERATIONALLY IN APRIL 1974 AND TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE COMPLETELY IN OCTOBER 1974. DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEACTIVATION PROGRAM WOULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE DISPOSITION OF EXCESS UNITED STATES PROPERTY AT THE SITES WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS OF AUGUST 28, 1961 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 1961 CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL OF UNITED STATES EXCESS PROPERTY IN CANADA.

THE REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF ANY RADAR OR OTHER EQUIPMENT OR PORTIONS THEREOF FROM THESE THREE STATIONS TO OTHER PINETREE STATIONS IN CANADA, AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION OF SUCH RADAR OR OTHER EQUIPMENT OR PORTIONS THEREOF AT OTHER PINETREE STATIONS IN CANADA, WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AT ITS EXPENSE. THE GOVERN-MENT OF CANADA WILL REIMBURSE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR ANY COSTS THE LATTER MAY INCUR AS A RESULT OF TERMINATING ANY CONTRACT, OR PORTION THEREOF, FOR THE MODIFICATION OF RADAR OR OTHER EQUIPMENT AT ANY OF THE THREE STATIONS BEING CLOSED. END QUOTE

EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT FINAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES WAS UNCLASSIFIED. KISSINGER

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